GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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MONITORING OF SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN AND MID DAY MEAL SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has recently reviewed the implementation of the Government's flagship programme on education recently;

(b) if so, whether the Prime Minister has stressed the need for effective online monitoring of implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid Day Meal (MDM) Scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken a decision to extend Mid Day Meal (MDM) Scheme to all the upper Primary Schools in the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (c): In the meeting of the Planning Commission held on 13th September, 2007, the Prime Minister stressed on aspects of quality under the programme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), ways to meet minimum standards by all schools, paying special attention to districts with concentration of SC, ST and minority population and expansion of Mid-day Meal Scheme to the upper primary level.

(d) & (e): The Mid-day Meal Scheme has been extended to upper primary level in Government, (including local bodies), Government aided schools and Education Guarantee Scheme (EGS) and Alternative & Innovative Education (AIE) Centres with effect from 1.10.2007 in 3479 educationally backward blocks. In 2008-09, the scheme envisages coverage of all children in Government (including local bodies), Government aided & EGS/AIE Centres at upper primary level.